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For Apparatus and Method for Taut Sheath )  
Splicing of All-Dielectric, Self- )  
Supporting Fiber Optic Cable )

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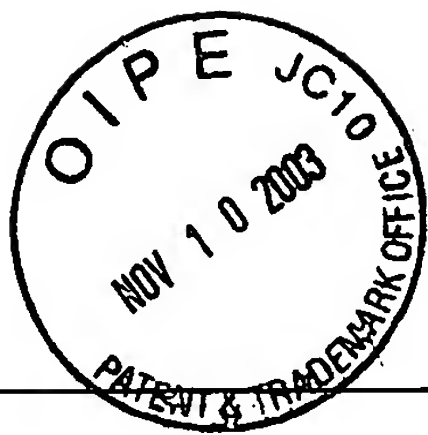
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